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MORE "E-ZPASS ONLY" LANES ADDED AT BEDFORD AND HOOKSETT
COSTS OF TRANSPONDERS TO INCREASE ON SEPTEMBER 26

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces additional "E-ZPass Only" lanes have been opened this week at the Bedford Toll Plaza on the Everett Turnpike, and will be opened the week of September 19 at the Hooksett Toll Plaza on Interstate 93. With the additional designated lanes at Hooksett, the mainline plazas at Hooksett, Bedford and Hampton will all have two "E-ZPass Only" lanes in each direction.

The motorist usage of E-ZPass on the New Hampshire Turnpike System continues to grow. The average percentage of E-ZPass customers as of last week was topped by Merrimack Exit 10 (37.4%), followed by Bedford Road (36.8%), Merrimack Exit 11 (34.9%), Bedford Main (34.2%), Hampton Main (31.4%), Hampton Ramp (29.6%), Hooksett Ramp (29.2%), Hooksett Main (28.9%), Dover (28.3%), and Rochester (27.9%).

On September 26, the price of transponders, also known as tags, will increase, as required by state law when the cost to the state of purchasing transponders changes. The price of windshield tags will increase from \$23.85 each to \$24.61 each. Exterior license plate tags will increase from \$30.84 to \$31.83 each.

Motorists interested in more information or seeking to enroll in New Hampshire's E-ZPass program can go on line at www.ezpassnh.com, call the NH E-ZPass Customer Service Center at 1-877-NHEZPAS (1-877-643-9727), or visit the walk-in locations at the Seabrook Welcome Center on Interstate 95 northbound, at the Nashua Welcome Center at Exit 6 of the Everett Turnpike, or immediately after the Hooksett Toll Plaza northbound.